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dried and such a process may be repeated. For example, the outer layer is completed and then the second layer of the charcoal mixture is formed followed by drying the double-layered product as a whole, as described above. If the second layer is formed before the first layer is not dried charcoal particles are allowed to invade into the first layer during the forming process and are finally cropped out of the outer surface, which is inconvenient similar to the mono-layer product of charcoal mixture.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 7 to read as follows:

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A half of a negative mold is shown in Fig. 8, which structure is quite different from that used in the above Examples. This split type mold consists of two completely symmetrical halves thereof to be combined into one and is supported by a shave stand (not shown). Using the split type mold, a vessel body is formed similarly as described above. After the forming process is completed, the negative mold is removed from the shaving stand and split into two to take out a vessel body.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 4-10 to read as follows:

4. (Amended) A device for forming a vessel body which comprises an open top negative mold, a ring-shaped member for the negative mold with an inside diameter which is smaller than an open top diameter of the negative mold, a cylindrical rotary trowel which is mechanically fixed to move against an inner surface of the negative mold within a predetermined range and is at least longer than a height of an inner wall surface of the vessel body to be formed, and a rotary trowel drive.

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5. (Amended) A device claimed in Claim 4 in which the negative mold is a split type.
6. (Amended) A device claimed in Claim 5 in which the ring- shaped lid member for the negative mold is integrally fixed to at least one split half of the split type negative mold.
7. (Amended) A device claimed in Claim 4 in which the negative mold is a rotatable type wherein the negative mold is rotated about a central axis of the negative mold.
8. (Amended) A device claimed in Claim 4 which further comprises a shave stand for fitting the negative mold.
9. (Amended) A device claimed in Claim 4 which further comprises a turn table, rotatable about a central axis of the negative mold, for supporting the negative mold or a shave stand.
10. (Amended) A device claimed in Claim 4 which further comprises a drive means for rotating the negative mold in the same rotating direction as the rotary trowel at a surface rotational speed lower than that of the rotary trowel.
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